Hon. Stewart L. Udall  
Secretary  
Department of the Interior  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Secretary Udall:

The filling of the Navajo, Flaming Gorge, Glen Canyon, and Curecanti Storage Units whose paramount purpose is to make possible the consumptive use of water in the Upper Basin States is imminent. The proposal of the Secretary of the Interior and Commissioner of Reclamation to release 280,000 acre-feet of water stored in Lake Mead for the purpose of sluicing the channel of the Colorado River in its lower reaches is a wasteful practice. Colorado River water has become too valuable to be used for this purpose.

The Upper Colorado River Commission believes that it is imperative that concerted action be initiated at once to insure the rehabilitation and future maintenance of the river channel by some means other than releasing reservoir water. We urge that immediate steps be taken to secure the necessary mechanical equipment for maintenance of an adequate channel. In the interests of conservation of our water resources we offer our assistance in support of your efforts to secure appropriations of funds by the Congress to accomplish this purpose. Please advise us of the manner in which our efforts can be the most effective.

Sincerely yours,

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Executive Director

cc: Hon. Floyd E. Dominy  
Commissioner of Reclamation

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